

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 788

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A RESOLUTION congratulating Anthony Miller of the Tennessee Army National Guard on the occasion of his promotion to the rank of Major.

WHEREAS, our Nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, many fine and honorable traditions have arisen from the deep wellspring of honor and bravery possessed by Tennesseans, but there is no finer tradition than that which gave Tennessee its nickname; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the "Volunteer State" have, throughout the years, willingly forsaken the comforts and securities of inaction by taking up arms against the enemies of this great Nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, established in 1887 by an act of the 45th General Assembly, the Tennessee Army National Guard is a dedicated collection of the finest men and women this State has to offer. Always vigilant and prepared for duty, the Tennessee Army National Guard has proven time and again its ability to protect fellow Tennesseans and Americans and help people around the world in need of aid; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee Army National Guard selflessly serve with courage and gallantry, and they deserve to be recognized for their heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; and

WHEREAS, Captain Anthony Miller is a proud and upstanding member of the Tennessee Army National Guard who, on January 25, 2008, will gain promotion to the rank of Major, a fitting recognition of his dedication to serving this State and nation; and

WHEREAS, Captain Miller entered active duty in October of 1984, serving in the Military Police Corps until October of 1991; during this time, he was a member of OSUT at Fort McClellan, Alabama, the 110th Military Police Company based in Germany, and the Department of Basic Military Police Training, again at Fort McClellan; and

WHEREAS, in March 1995, Captain Miller joined the Tennessee National Guard, whereupon he immediately attended and graduated from State Officer Candidacy School in Smyrna; in August of 1996, he was posted as the Automotive Maintenance Platoon Leader of Troop B, Regimental Support Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Knoxville, a position he served with honor until 2001; and

WHEREAS, between 2001 and 2008, he stood as the Material Management Officer, Assistant RS4, and Training Officer at the Regimental Support Squadron's Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2006, Captain Miller was named as the Commander of Troop B, Regimental Support Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Knoxville, a position to which he has dedicated the highest values of service and dedication, upholding the honor and history of the Tennessee Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee Army National Guard proudly uphold the ideal of the citizen-soldier, an essential tradition of American society, and their courageous service stands as an enduring example of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our Nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history, Captain Miller is one such citizen-soldier, and is worthy of promotion; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor Captain Anthony Miller of the Tennessee Army National Guard, as he has made and continues to make untold and innumerable personal sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and will continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Anthony Miller of the Tennessee Army National Guard on his promotion to Major, applaud his career of dutiful and valorous service, and offer our deepest and sincerest thanks for his dedication to serving his State and nation in times of need.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.